

**Governing Iowa's public  
universities and special schools**

University of Iowa  
Iowa State University  
University of Northern Iowa  
Iowa School for the Deaf  
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School  
Lakeside Lab Regents Resource Center  
Quad-Cities Graduate Center  
Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center  
Tri-State Graduate Center



**BOARD OF  
REGENTS**  
STATE OF IOWA

David W. Miles, President, West Des Moines  
Bonnie J. Campbell, Des Moines  
Jenny L. Connolly, Cedar Falls  
Robert N. Downer, Iowa City  
Jack B. Evans, Cedar Rapids  
Michael G. Gartner, Des Moines  
Ruth R. Harkin, Cumming  
Craig A. Lang, Brooklyn  
Rose A. Vasquez, Des Moines

Andrew J. Baumert, Interim Executive Director

January 4, 2008

Mike Marshall  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol

Mark Brandsgard  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol

Dear Mr. Marshall and Mr. Brandsgard:

As required by Iowa Code §8D.10, the enclosed table summarizes the estimated FY 2007 savings for the Board of Regents associated with the use of the Iowa Communications Network. For the past several years prior to FY 2007, the Board has reported increased costs instead of savings as a result of ICN usage.

The assumptions used to estimate the dollars include:

1. Same level of participation in voice services regardless of cost.
2. Video expense would not exceed current budgeted amounts.
3. Alternate carriers always available.
4. Cost of equipment, setup, scheduling, and technical support are not included.

Internet services through the ICN had historically cost the Regent institutions more than if competing technologies were utilized. Internet services were not purchased from the ICN in FY 2007.

The Regent institutions projected a net savings totaling \$149,219 for FY 2007. The projected savings from ICN network connections at SUI and UNI exceeded the projected net incremental costs for voice services purchased from the ICN. The universities believe they could negotiate better prices on voice services with an alternate carrier. Since the institutions would most likely not spend more than the amount currently budgeted for video regardless of the source, there are no savings or additional costs associated with video usage.

The University of Northern Iowa offered 133 courses over the ICN with an enrollment of 1,936 students in 139 communities and 75 counties. The ICN course offerings help UNI achieve its statewide educational mission.

Sincerely,

Andy Baumert

Enclosure

cc: Duane Ferguson, LSA  
John Gillispie, ICN  
Legislative Liaisons  
Legislative Log

h:\bf\icn\icn savings report\icnsavingsfy2007.doc

**Iowa Board of Regents  
Annual Report of FY 2007 ICN Savings**

**Institution:** All Regent Institutions

	<b>Cost of ICN Use</b>	<b>Estimated Savings (Additional Costs)</b>
University of Iowa	\$ 580,323	\$ 74,715
Iowa State University	257,176	(72,202)
University of Northern Iowa	329,368	145,934
Iowa School for the Deaf	5,195	1,319
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	7,598	(547)
<b>FY 2007 Regent Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,660</b>	<b>\$ 149,219</b>

Assumptions used:

- 1) Same level of participation in voice services regardless of the cost.
- 2) Video expense would not exceed current budgeted amounts.
- 3) Alternate carriers always available.
- 4) Costs of equipment, setup, scheduling, and technical support not included.